

Piedmont Community Charter School
A Challenge Foundation Academy
October 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date: October 28, 2014
Board Present: Cathy Broome, Jack Rowe, Michael Shumate, Sherry McCart, Craig Killen, Cindy Burnett, Ronn Baker, Melissa Williams, Kevin Stewart, Jeff Waldrep, Tereasa Osborne, Cindy Odom
Board Absent
Others Present: Jennifer Purdee, Brian Boone (consultant), Gary Webster (future TeamCFA rep), Jim Broome (ex-officio past president)
Others Absent:
Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
Next Meeting: November 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM Main Campus Auditorium

The Board of Directors meeting of Piedmont Community Charter School was held on October 28, 2014, in the auditorium at the Elementary Campus with the President in the chair and Secretary being present.

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Agenda

Item #5 on the agenda (Addition/changes to agenda) will be moved to Item #4 (One-year extension to charter amendment regarding the high school) per Mr. Killen.

A request to add an item to the agenda concerning retraction of the vote from the September board meeting was made by Mr. Rowe. Mr. Waldrep made an official motion and said:

“I move that the PCCS-CFA Board of Directors rescind in full, the action taken by the Board on September 30, 2014 to retract grades 9 -12 from our school and thereby, confirm that PCCS-CFA will continue as a K – 12 school. Furthermore, I move that a subcommittee be formed to study ways to improve our High School program. I submit this motion that I be appointed as the chair of this subcommittee and will choose 2 other directors for the subcommittees as well as one 9 – 12 instructor and one 9 – 12 parent. The subcommittee will give monthly reports to this board and the full public and will begin meeting immediately”.

A second was made to the motion by Mr. Jack Rowe.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Waldrep if he would like to break the motion into 2 separate motions, one to rescind the previous motion and another to develop the subcommittee. He declined this offer and chose to keep as one motion. Mr. Killen stated, as reflected on the agenda, that he was going to move to offer a one-year amendment regarding the high school. The floor was opened for discussion on the motion made by Mr. Waldrep.

Discussion was held among the board members concerning the rescinding of the motion from the September meeting. Some expressed regret over the vote from the September meeting and clearly supported the motion to totally rescind the motion. Others spoke favorably of offering a one year extension which would allow the committee to work and present a feasible proposal to maintain the high school.

It was acknowledged that we have real problems in the high school that need attention, but some feel

that time is needed for adequate evaluation and possible solutions. Comments were made concerning the need for higher course offerings and ensuring that students are prepared for college. Another common theme was the optimism and support from parents and students over recent days. It is obvious that parents and students want to keep the high school open and they need to be engaged to help bring improvements and solutions.

The issue of the \$6.5 million dollar debt for the school was raised and that more debt could jeopardize the school. The possibility of securing grant writers was suggested. The high school committee needs to identify the building needs, check into land/property, talk to architects and bankers, and assess demand for the high school. It was pointed out that most of these things have already been done by the strategic committees and the numbers of students is not there to support a building program. Concern for long term sustainability of the high school was expressed. Need to assess if the high school can be maintained without impacting other grade levels. Extra students in K-8 currently to support the 1200 ADM. There are currently 178 students on the waiting listing for K-8.

Some voiced concern that a one year extension would not allow adequate time to obtain necessary information. The Portrait of a Graduate has been in place for 2 years and equal time that was spent on the strategic process is needed to evaluate the high school. A suggestion of more than one board meeting per month was offered if necessary.

After much discussion, a call to vote was made at 7:56 PM. The vote carried with 6 voting in favor and 5 opposed.

Awards & Recognitions

No awards or recognitions.

Minutes

Mr. Ronn Baker made the motion to approve the September minutes as submitted and dispense with the reading. Mrs. Cindy Burnett made a second to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without discussion.

Public Comments

A list of speakers was submitted to the board chair. Mr. Killen addressed the audience about speaking and time limitations. He spoke of upcoming Q&A sessions to be scheduled.

Public comments to the Board concerning the high school were made during a 2 hour period. There was no interaction from the Board, only public comments.

Head of School Report

No report was given at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

No report was given at this meeting.

Staff Representative

No report given at this meeting.

Parent Representatives

No report given at this meeting.

Team CFA

No report was given at this meeting.

President

No report was given at this meeting.

Committee Updates

No report was given at this meeting.

Governance

No report was given at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for:

Date: November 18, 2014 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Elementary School Auditorium

Prepared by:

Cathy Broome

Signed & Approved by:

Board Member:

_____ Date: _____

Board Member:

_____ Date: _____